

FRENCH REGAIN FLEURY, AFTER STREET FIGHT

Drive Germans Entirely Out of
Village on Verdun Battle-
front.

FURTHER GAINS REPORTED

British Resist Heavy Attacks in
Pozeieres Region—Quiet
South of Somme.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—On the
Verdun front, according to the
official statement today, the
French attacked last night in
force against German positions
between Thiaumont work and
Chapitre forest and at the vil-
lage of Fleury. The fighting is
still going on.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—By a power-
ful attack on the northeast front of
Verdun last night, the French
completely recaptured the village
of Fleury, driving the Germans
from that part of the village which
they still held, it was officially an-
nounced today.

The crown prince's forces still
retain a few ruins outside and
east of the village near the Chap-
itre forest. The French also ad-
vanced west of the town, between
Thiaumont and Fleury, taking fifty
prisoners.

The French blow was struck on
the 178th day of the great battle
for the fortress city. It was pre-
ceded by a terrific bombardment
and a heavy curtain fire that pre-
vented the Germans from bringing
up reserves.

DESPERATE STREET FIGHTING

Clinging desperately to the north-
eastern houses of the town, the Ger-
mans vainly attempted to stem the
French advance with machine guns.
Violent combats occurred in the
streets of the village before the
Germans withdrew.

On the Somme front, the Germans
last night made their first attempt
to recapture positions taken by the
French in Wednesday's advance
around Maurepas.

At the same time the Germans were
delivering heavy attacks against the
British around Pozieres, fighting broke
out along the French front southeast
of Maurepas, where violent artillery
fighting continued throughout yester-
day. The French not only repulsed
the German attacks, but made some
prisoners.

No engagements of importance oc-
curred south of the Somme or else-
where on the French front. South
of Beloeil-Santerre, the French
found four machine guns in a trench
captured in Wednesday's attack.

AUSTRIANS ADVANCE IN BUKOWINA, CLAIM

Berlin Reports Repulse of Italians
and Russians.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The Austrians
continue to advance in southwestern
Bukowina and have repulsed six mass
attacks by the Russians northeast of
Stanislau, said a delayed official state-
ment from Vienna, under date of Aug.
18, received here today. The re-
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Deutschland Due In Germany Today

Has Been Reported Sighted by
Various Steamers and Atlan-
tic Coast Resorts.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The German
commerce submarine Deutschland, which
dashed out of the Virginia capes on the
night of August 2, should arrive at a
German port today, if she maintains the
sixteen-day schedule established in her
first voyage across the Atlantic to Bal-
timore.

In the absence of any definite word
from the big under-sea merchantman
since she left the United States, the
Deutschland has been the subject of
rumor in summer news reports from
coast towns once occupied by the famous
sea-serpent, "heavy firing off the coast
of Maine," and the more recent man-
euvering reported.

Boatmen sighted the Deutschland off
the Grand Banks last Saturday, only half
way across the Atlantic. It was re-
ported here that a British cruiser and
two British submarines accompanied by
Admiral Adamant, chased the Deutschland
after she slipped out of the Virginia capes.
Nearly every flock of summer resort
correspondents along the coast have had
their fling with the Deutschland or
Bremen in the last few days.

\$2 Luray & Return, Aug. 27, Spl.
train iv. Washington 8:10 a. m. Southern Ry.

Strike Authority Visits President

Ty Cobb Makes Home Run Hit
When He Tells Wilson
He's for Him.

President Wilson today conferred
briefly with one of the most prominent
experts in the country on how to avoid
strikes.

HALF AND HALF PLAN HALTS AGREEMENT ON DISTRICT BILL

Conferees Are Divided on
Many of the Most Important
Items.

Disagreeing over important items in
the District bill, Senate and House
conferees on this measure today reported
to their respective houses.

They had been able to get together
on most of the items, but as to some
of the most vital they were still wide
apart.

When Senator John Walter Smith
submitted the partial agreement to the
Senate that body ratified it, in-
stead of its amendments on the items
in disagreement and asked another
conference. This was done without
debate.

On the other amendments, number-
ing about 250, the conferees were able
to agree. The bill as it stands now
is a total of \$12,546,047.10.

On the public school items, the House
recused as to most of the Senate pro-
positions for new buildings and improve-
ments.

Old Dominion Bill Passed by Senate

Measure Exempting Line From
Utilities Commission Control
Already Through House.

On motion of Senator Martin, the
Senate this afternoon passed the bill
which exempts the Washington and Oc-
toman railway and the Washington-
Virginia Railway Company from the
control of the Public Utilities Com-
mission, except as to operations inside the
District.

VETERAN AND WIFE PARTED BY POVERTY

Aged Couple Forced to Give Up
After 49 Years' Battle.

WARREN, Pa., Aug. 18.—Alexander
McCarroll and his wife, who have fought
life's battle with him for forty-nine
years on a small farm near here, were
separated today.

WHEAT AGAIN JUMPS ON CHICAGO MARKET

Canadian and French Reports
Boost Prices Again.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Wheat jumped
from 34 to 44 cents on the Chicago
grain market today. Bullish Canadian
and French reports of a short French
crop sent prices hurrying to cover.

A September was up over the opening
cents at \$1.43; December 34c at \$1.47c,
and May up 2c, at \$1.60c.

EXPERTS VOTE FOR STRONGER PLAQUE RULES

Increased Federal Supervision
and Health Certificate Plans
Approved.

COMES AFTER LONG DEBATE

Dr. Woodward Fights for More
Drastic Regulations for In-
terstate Travel.

Increased Federal supervision over
cases of infantile paralysis and the in-
surance of health certificates to all per-
sons under sixteen years old who travel
from State to State were voted at the
conference today of officials of the
Public Health Service and State health
officers from forty States.

The conference, over which Assistant
Surgeon General William C. Rucker pre-
sided, was held at the Public Health
Service offices.

The report of a special committee ap-
pointed to recommend measures for con-
trolling the epidemic, and to make regu-
lations for interstate travel, was
adopted after an extended discussion.

Dr. William C. Woodward, health of-
ficer of the District, led a fight for even
more stringent quarantine regulations.
He endeavored to strike out of the com-
mittee report the sixteen-year age limit,
and to require that all persons, regard-
less of age, coming from an infected
area, shall have a health certificate.

Motion Defeated.
The motion of Dr. Woodward was
finally defeated by a vote of 19 to 6,
with several of the health officers not
voting. The remainder of the committee
report was then quickly adopted.

The committee framing the report
comprised Dr. John S. Fulton, of Mary-
land; Dr. T. B. Tuttle, of Washington
State; Dr. E. Q. Williams, of Virginia;
Dr. H. H. Bracker, of Minnesota; and
Dr. Charles E. Banks, head of the pub-
lic health service corps now fighting the
epidemic in New York.

Adoption of the committee report
practically binds all of the States and
the Federal Government to a closer
surveillance of the infantile paralysis
epidemic.

Dr. Woodward argued that if a six-
teen-year age limit is to be ordered
for interstate commerce the same lim-
it must be fixed for all inspection
purposes.

He insisted that the age limit could
not be waived for local purposes and
established a for interstate commerce
purposes if there is to be a strict
watch kept over the spread of the
disease.

Fight on Gerard Seems Subsiding

Only One Newspaper Renews Crit-
icism of American
Envoy.

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.
BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The fight on Am-
bassador Gerard, launched by several
German newspapers because of his al-
leged utterances regarding the German
censorship, appeared to be subsiding to-
day.

Brothers, Sisters, Auto Rides, Married

Lonesome Bachelors Insure Them-
selves Against Solitude by
Eloping.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Early this
spring the Middleworth brothers, Leroy
and Henry, of Rockville, Conn., N. Y.,
became lonely, with a big house all to
themselves, bought an automobile, and
began taking the De Mott sisters, Helen
and Millicent, riding. Yesterday they
launched themselves against any recur-
rence of loneliness by marrying the
young women.

Leroy, twenty-one, took to himself
Helen, nineteen. Henry, forty-four, and
a widower, married Millicent, twenty-
seven. They started off in the auto-
mobile for a joint honeymoon, and will
begin housekeeping together in Man-
hattan when they return.

Railroad Presidents Go To White House to Hear Wilson's Plan for Peace

EXECUTIVES OF ROADS INDICATE PROPOSAL IS UNACCEPTABLE

Chief Magistrate to Be Told His
Plan Would Be Blow to
Arbitration.

WESTERN HEADS ARRIVE

Wilson Prepares Statement for
Public Should Negotiations
Fail at Settlement.

Presidents of railroads from all
parts of the United States, sum-
moned to Washington at the be-
hest of President Wilson, went to
the White House at 2 o'clock this
afternoon to hear from the Chief
Executive the terms of his pro-
posal for a settlement of the con-
troversy between the railroads and
the brotherhoods.

With every advance indication
that the proposal would prove as
unacceptable to them as to the
committee of railway managers,
who have been representing them,
the executives were expected to
ask the President for time in which
to consider the terms he advances.

MEN DEBATE PLAN.

In the meantime, the railroad brother-
hood chairmen, representing the em-
ployees, had been in session at the
Hilou Theater for the purpose of de-
termining whether or not to accept the
plan. They were unable to reach a de-
cision before lunch and will reassemble
at 2:30 p. m.

Anticipating that the railroad presi-
dents might be disposed to back up the
stand of the managers, President Wil-
son prepared a complete statement of
what he has done in his role of medi-
ator. In order that the public might
judge where the responsibility would
lie if a strike should be called, it is
expected that this statement will be
given after the conference with the
road executives is over.

Western Executives Late.

It had been originally planned for the
President to see the heads of the rail-
roads at 11:30 o'clock this morning. At
the request of the latter, however, the
meeting was postponed until 2 o'clock
in order that all the railroad presi-
dents on their way to Washington
might get here before the conference.

The members of the managers' com-
mittee were not invited by the Presi-
dent to the conference this afternoon.
This fact has aroused considerable
comment in view of the fact that
whereas the managers' committee
the power of attorney whereby it
can speak for all the roads of the
country. The railroad executives at-
tending the conference with the Presi-
dent are powerless to bind any but
their own roads to an agreement.

Sues Wife Who Had Tight Riding Togs

W. W. Van Loan Says He Chased
Man Who Was Scantily
Clad.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The complaint
that his pretty young wife wore white
duck knickerbockers "which fitted her
snuggly" when she went riding with
Charles W. Sacke, wealthy copper-
man, was made in a bill for divorce filed
by William W. Van Loan against
Louise W. Van Loan, and made public
today.

Hundreds Fleeing From Galveston

Rise of Tide at Sea Wall, Resulting
From Hurricane, Causes
Exodus.

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 17.—Railroads and
interurbans have been running special
trains all day, carrying persons from
Galveston to the mainland, as a result
of a slight rise of the tide at the Galves-
ton wall attributable to the Gulf hurri-
cane.

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storm will strike the coast probably late
this afternoon between Brownsville,
Corpus Christi and Galveston and
Houston.

The wind may reach a maximum of
fifty miles an hour. At noon the tide
was blowing thirty miles an hour.

Diamond Ring Stolen.
Mrs. Robert Harrison reported to the
police this morning the theft of a
solitaire diamond ring worth \$100 from
her apartment at 139 W. street north-
west.

WHAT CONFEREES REPRESENT IN CAPITAL AND MILEAGE

Company.	Representatives.	Extent of system (First track mileage.)	Total capital.
Pennsylvania	W. W. Atterbury, V. Pres.	4,511	\$600,000,000
Reading	Agnew T. Dice, Pres.	2,317	140,000,000
Baltimore & Ohio	Daniel Willard, Pres.	4,535	270,000,000
Lackawanna	W. H. Truesdale, Pres.	966	42,277,000
Southern	Palfrax Harrison, Pres.	1,023	\$40,555,000
Chicago & Great Western	Ramuel M. Felton, Pres.	1,437	95,000,000
Chesapeake & Ohio	George W. Stevens, Pres. and Frank Trumbull, Chair.	1,371	100,000,000
Southern Pacific	Julius Kruttschnitt, Chair.	10,587	294,451,800
Union Pacific	R. S. Lovett, Pres.	7,826	496,178,700
Seaboard Air Line	W. J. Harahan, Pres.	3,123	100,000,000
Delaware & Hudson	L. F. Loree, Pres.	1,924	\$5,711,500
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford	E. J. Pearson, V. Pres.	2,004	178,400,787
Missouri Pacific	B. F. Bush, Receiver.	7,232	240,000,000
New York Central	A. H. Smith, Pres.	5,919	400,000,000
Erie	F. D. Underwood, Pres.	4,606	217,000,000
Santa Fe	E. P. Ripley, Pres.	11,623	281,486,000
Chicago & Northwestern	R. H. Ashton, V. Pres.	8,107	300,000,000
Boston & Maine	J. H. Hustis, Pres.	2,364	42,650,190
Chicago, M. & St. Paul	H. B. Earling, Pres.	10,075	252,538,300
Chicago, B. & Q.	Hale Holden, Pres.	9,365	110,859,100
Chicago & E. I.	W. J. Jackson, Pres.	1,182	\$9,000,000
Illinois Central	C. H. Markham, Pres.	4,773	123,582,000
Chicago I. & L.	H. R. Karpis, Pres.	622	15,500,000
Chicago, T. H. & S. E.	M. J. Carpenter, Pres.	374	4,300,000
Chicago & Alton	W. G. Bied, Pres.	1,032	40,000,000
Norfolk & Western	L. E. Johnson, Pres.	2,043	137,000,000
Atlantic Coast Line	Henry Walter, Chair.	4,627	36,000,000
Norfolk-Southern	J. H. Young, Pres.	909	16,000,000
Texas & Pacific	J. L. Lancaster, V. Pres.	1,913	50,000,000
Long Island	Ralph Peters, Pres.	293	12,000,000
El Paso & Southwestern	T. M. Schumacher, V. Pres.	1,027	35,000,000
Totals		128,838	5,236,440,377

HOUSE MAY PROBE ARREST OF PIERCE GASOLINE TO DROP, ARREST OF PIERCE OIL MAN DECLARES

Congressman London Plans to
Ask Investigation of Social-
ist's Case.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Gasoline will
drop to 20 cents in practically every sec-
tion of the country within two weeks,
Standard Oil officials asserted today,
at the same time denying that the Gov-
ernment's investigation of the advance
in prices had anything to do with the
reduction.

Prices have been falling steadily
throughout the West and middle West
within the past few days. The decline,
according to Standard Oil officials, is
due to the fact that crude oil wells
drilled last year are now showing ex-
ceptional yields, crude oil regulating the
price of gasoline.

Moving eastward from Chicago, the
price of gasoline begins to mount. De-
troit car users are paying only 19 cents.
The price at Indianapolis is 21, in Ohio
cities 22, in Buffalo 23, and Albany 25
cents per gallon. New Yorkers are now
paying 23 cents a gallon, a drop of 3
cents in the last five days.

GASOLINE REPORT CONSIDERED TODAY

Federal Trade Commission Meets
For Final Consideration.

The Federal Trade Commission today
met in what is believed to be the final
conference on the report it will submit
to Congress, following a national in-
vestigation into the increased price of
gasoline.

Motorists of the Middle West from
Chicago to Denver are paying low-
est prices. Chicago and Detroit are
paying 17 1/2 cents and the average price
is 18 and 19 cents a gallon.

More Hot Weather Due in Middle West

Three Parching Days Predicted by
Chicago Forecaster.

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ARMY BUDGET IS VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT

Wilson Sends Measure Back to
Capitol Because of Retired
Officers Clause.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL, HE SAYS

Action Means New Law Must
Be Passed or Disapproval
Overridden by Vote.

President Wilson today vetoed
the army appropriation bill.

His action was based on the pro-
vision in the new act, exempting
retired army officers from liability
to service and discipline under the
articles of war.

Within an hour after the veto
reached the House Chairman Hay
had reintroduced the measure
minus any mention of the articles
of war.

The President, in a statement is-
sued at the White House explain-
ing his action, interposes the con-
stitutional objection that so long
as retired officers are continued
in the status of members of the
army of the United States, they
cannot, under the Constitution, be
exempted from obedience to the
President.

TWO CHOICES.
Veto of the measure means that Con-
gress must either begin at the beginning
and enact a new law, excluding the Presi-
dent's veto by a two-thirds vote.

It is expected that the President will
be sustained, although his action may
serve to prolong the session of Con-
gress.

The provision in question was fathered
by Congressman James Hay of Vir-
ginia, chairman of the House Military
Affairs Committee, and was occasioned
by fact that on the recent call for the
national guard, the President, acting
under the authority previously vested in
him, also called upon many retired offi-
cers for duty at recruiting offices and
muster stations.

Many of the retired officers so called
upon, who were friends of Mr. Hay,
complained, although the President in
his statement declared that a major-
ity of the retired officers would sanc-
tion such a provision in the law.

Another element in the situation is
the prospect that should the provi-
sion become law, the President could
not apply to retired officers as to
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as Congress sees fit to make the
retired personnel a part of the army
of the United States, the President
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ALL OFFICERS OF ARMY.

Officers on the retired list of the
army are officers of the army, mem-
bers of the military establishment
distinguished by their long service,
and, as such, examples of discipline
to the officers and men in the active
army.

FINES SANATORIUM LACKING LICENSE

Legality of Institution to Be De-
cided in Supreme Court.

Judge Muldowny today assessed a fine
of \$10 against the Chevy Chase San-
atorium for violating the police regu-
lations by operating without a license.

The fine was assessed in order that Dr.
Benjamin Logan, of the institution, could
properly take the case to the District
Court of Appeals for final determina-
tion.

Judge Muldowny some time ago upheld
the District Commissioner who revoked
the license of the sanatorium on the
grounds that it was a nuisance. The
logic of the regulation was attacked by
counsel for the institution, and it is on
this point that the appeal is to be made.